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Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear Commissioner Copps,

Emergency response communications has never been more critical, or more difficult. That's because of a common problem on police, fire and EMS radios: interference. Interference, garbled or dropped communications, inhibits first responders from doing their jobs safely and effectively. Essentially, if first responders can't communicate, they can't help.

There is a solution before the FCC: the Consensus Plan. Over 300 public safety organizations, local governments, and congressional officials support this Plan. This is because it provides separate spectrum for public safety at no additional cost for federal, state or local budgets - or for the American taxpayer.

The 300 Consensus Plan supporters that have filed with the FCC, along with John Walsh, host of America's Most Wanted, recognize the importance of communications for America's police, fire and EMS workers. This problem has existed long enough, and our first responders deserve better. I am asking you to help.

Please listen to the public safety community and their needs to communicate by supporting the Consensus Plan today. Our neighborhoods, families and fellow public safety professionals cannot afford to wait any longer.

Sincerely,

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